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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the financing of projects associated with
2 the marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 12.42 FRESH FRUITS AND
1 2 VEGETABLES TO IOWANS LINKED INVESTMENT LOAN PROGRAM.
1 3 A fresh fruits and vegetables to Iowans linked investment
1 4 loan program is created. The treasurer of state shall adopt
1 5 rules to administer the program.
1 6 1. The purpose of the program is to increase the
1 7 availability of lower-cost loans throughout this state in a
1 8 manner that stimulates the expansion of markets for all of the
1 9 following:
1 10 a. Raw fresh fruits and vegetables produced in this state.
1 11 b. Fresh fruits and vegetables produced in this state that
1 12 have been minimally processed in this state.
1 13 2. A loan made pursuant to this section shall be made to
1 14 persons who market fresh fruits and vegetables to consumers
1 15 who reside in the same community as where the fresh fruits or
1 16 vegetables are produced. The loans may be used to finance
1 17 projects associated with farmers markets, the WIC farmers'
1 18 market nutrition program, or the senior farmers' market
1 19 nutrition program referred to in chapter 175B, and the
1 20 farm-to-school program established in chapter 190A.
1 21 3. A loan made pursuant to this section must be used for
1 22 the acquisition of capital assets associated with storing,
1 23 preserving, packaging, transporting, or marketing fresh fruits
1 24 and vegetables.
1 25 4. An eligible borrower must be a cooperative association
1 26 as defined in section 490.140 which is organized in this state
1 27 pursuant to chapter 499, 501, or 501A.
1 28 5. The proceeds of a loan made pursuant to this section
1 29 shall not be used to refinance existing debt, including credit
1 30 card debt. However, loan proceeds may be used to refinance a
1 31 short-term bridge loan made in anticipation of the treasurer's
1 32 approval of the linked investment loan package.
1 33 6. The maximum amount of a loan that an eligible borrower
1 34 may receive pursuant to this section is five hundred thousand
1 35 dollars.

EXPLANATION

2 1 This bill adds a provision in part of Code chapter 12
2 2 establishing programs under the "Linked Investments for
2 3 Tomorrow Act" in which the treasurer of state invests state
2 4 funds in certificates of deposit in eligible lending
2 5 institutions that lend moneys to eligible borrowers interested
2 6 in capitalizing certain projects described by statute. The
2 7 bill establishes a fresh fruits and vegetables to Iowans
2 8 linked investment loan program. The purpose of the program is
2 9 to increase the availability of lower-cost loans throughout
2 10 this state in a manner that stimulates the expansion of
2 11 markets for raw fresh fruits and vegetables produced in this
2 12 state and fresh fruits and vegetables produced in this state
2 13 that have been minimally processed in this state. An eligible
2 14 borrower must be organized on a cooperative basis. The
2 15 maximum amount of a loan is \$500,000.
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